

Dress Right, Dress

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The wing commander has stated the wear dates for the Watch Cap is Oct. 1 to March 1. The cap may be worn during inclement weather (as defined by the installation) when the flight jacket, leather A-2 flying jacket, Cold Weather Camouflage, or BDU jacket is worn. The cap may be worn to and from the installation, but it will not be worn on stops off base when you must exit your vehicle. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Post office closures

The Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB post offices will have limited hours from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday in support of the wing fitness day; the post offices will be closed Oct. 8 in support of the wing training day; and they will be closed Oct. 11 in honor of Columbus Day. For details, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Ruzza at 452-6038.

AF Retiree Council

The Air Force Retiree Council seeks a retired Air Force volunteer to represent Atlantic Region XV. The Area XV representative will coordinate all retiree matters in the Atlantic Region and will represent Area XV as an Air Force Council member once each year at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Interested people should submit an application to the nearest Air Force installation commander. Applications will be submitted in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3106. All applications must be received by Jan. 1. For more information, call retired Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Roberts at 452-9202 or (49) 06561-7591.

Microsoft Office software

U.S. Air Forces in Europe received approval to establish "Home Use Rights" for Microsoft Office software for eligible USAFE employees -- allowing them to install and use Microsoft's Office professional software (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook and Access) on their home computers for a fraction of the retail value. People can select either MS Office XP or MS Office 2003. To take advantage of the Home Use Program, check out www.my.af.mil and follow the detailed ordering instructions located under My Workspace, My Work, USAFE Enterprise Software Management. For details, call Master Sgt. Paddy Amond at 480-3483 or e-mail her at patricia.amond@ramstein.af.mil or Ms. Anne Smith at 480-6100 or anne.smith@ramstein.af.mil.

Air National Guard

Western Washington Air National Guard has openings for specific career fields and for people who are willing to cross-train. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tabatha Bennett at 370-3368 or e-mail her at tabatha.bennett@wataco.ang.af.mil. Below is a list of available career fields:

1C4X1 - Tactical Air Command and Control; 2E1X1 - Satellite and Wideband Communications Equipment; 2E1X3 - Ground Radio; 2E2X1 - Electronics Computer and Switching Systems; 2E6X2 - Communications Cable Systems; 2G0X1 - Logistics; 2S0X1 - Supply Management Journeyman; 2TXXX - Vehicle Maintenance; 3A0X1 - Information Management; 3C0X1 - Communications Computer Operator; 3E0X1 - Electrician; 3E0X2 - Electrical Power Production; 3E2X1 - Pavement and Construction; 3E3X1 - Structures; 3E4X1 - Utilities; 3E4X3 - Environmental; 3E5X1 - Engineering Journeyman; 3E9X1 - Readiness Craftsman; 3M0X1 - Services; 3S0X1 - Personnel

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Feasting
extravaganza

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Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman



Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

(Left) Capt. James Marlow, 606th Air Control Squadron, senior director and weapons controller, embraces his one-year-old daughter, Jami, and his wife, Amy, for the last time before he deployed to Iraq, Sept. 22. (Above) 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen load baggage for deploying Airmen from the 606th ACS and six other wing squadrons onboard a contract flight. The baggage handlers are helping out to make sure the deployers get to spend every last minute with their families.

606th ACS heads downrange

USAF cuts transit time for deploying Airmen, improves quality of life

By Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

A recent direct flight from here to the U.S. Central Command area of operations signals a move by Air Force officials to cut transit time for deploying Airmen.

The Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center is working with Central Command Air Forces, Air Mobility Command and the other major commands to expand direct flight opportunities for large troop movements around the Air Force, said Tony Betsill, an AEF Center Requirements Branch senior program analyst.

"This initiative clearly improves the quality of life of our deploying Airmen, increases usage of transportation on AEF-dedicated missions, reduces bottlenecks at aerial ports of debarkation and reduces span of control required in meeting the supported commanders' required delivery date," Betsill said.

"These results were not possible before the fielding of a planning and execution system that provides visibility and accountability of unit type codes at the lowest level to manage a complicated reception, staging and onward movement in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility," he added.

However, Betsill cautioned this is not a cookie-cutter solution and will not fit every wing's needs.

"There will still be a need to use our pre-identified aerial ports for small movements," he said.

The Sept. 22 flight marked a major logistical milestone for the wing and Air Force's deployment process, said Capt. Reggie Trujillo, the wing's installation deployment officer.

"Airmen have deployed out of Spangdahlem directly for previous deployments, but they are usually part of an aviation or maintenance package flying out with their equipment on a C-17 or other transport aircraft," he said. "This is the first time we have been able to put different units together and make Spangdahlem the aerial port of embarkation," he said.

The Spangdahlem flight combined about 170 people from seven squadrons who were destined for five CENTCOM locations. By flying the Airmen from their own backyard to a CENTCOM aerial hub in one step, the Air Force literally saved thousands of man-hours.

For Spangdahlem, the bus ride to the nearest port of embarkation takes three hours, Captain Trujillo said.

"After the bus ride, Airmen may wait around for up to 36 hours before their flight leaves," he said.



Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

Airmen from the 606th ACS and six other 52nd FW squadrons board a contract flight, booked directly from here, to a U.S. Central Command airlift hub.

The flight was successful because of communication and action at every level, Captain Trujillo said.

"This milestone wouldn't have been possible without the synergistic teamwork of the 52nd Fighter Wing logistic planners, USAFE logisticians and the AEF Center.

Making these direct flights the new way of doing business whenever possible is the right way to take care of our people, said Col. Thomas A. Groznik, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander.

"The look on the faces of our Airmen says it all," Colonel Groznik said. "Oftentimes, when they are going out in small groups, they are nervous, uncertain. When our Airmen go out in groups of 100 or more, they seem excited, happy and ready to do their job."

The direct flights are also good for the Air Force's pocket-book -- at least on a local level, Captain Trujillo said.

The wing saved more than \$4,500 on transportation costs for this flight alone, he said.

Even after considering the cost savings -- direct flights provide Airmen something priceless.

"We were able to spend every last possible moment with our families," said Staff Sgt. Cory Clark, a deploying 606th Air Control Squadron heating and air-conditioning technician. "That really meant a lot to me."

Spang's auto collisions involve speed, weather, losing control of vehicle

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

There were no DUIs this past week; however, there were five major accidents and crashes -- with no reported injuries. The total accident count is 17.

The first major accident was at the Krankenhaus entrance to B-50. Polizei took control of the accident scene. It was classified as the other driver being at fault.

The first major crash happened on the B-257 near Erdorf. The driver was speeding, lost control of his car and hit an oncoming vehicle.

The third major collision was on the A-1 near Manderscheid, heading toward Wittlich. The accident is under investigation.

The fourth major collision was on the B-422 near Kordel. The driver was entering a curve which was difficult to navigate with the weather and speed. Speeding caused the collision.

Team Eifel's last major collision was on the L-46 from Zemmer toward Rothaus. The driver was speeding and hit a tree.

There were 12 minor accidents last week: one was from speeding, two were from improper backing, six were from inattentive driving, and three were from others at fault.

Drivers Tips:

Speed and inattentive driving have caused many accidents for Team Eifel. Taking a little more time in the mornings and en route to and from home will stop some of these accidents. Fall weather means wing members should pay more attention to cooler temperatures and wet roads.



Inspector discusses safety during fire prevention week

By Master Sgt. Tony Fornicola
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Inspector Chief

Fire Prevention Week starts Saturday and runs through Oct. 9.

This year's theme is "Test Your Smoke Alarms." As a community, this is the time of year to come together and think about fire safety, as well as to do some small things to ensure families are safe at home and in the office.

Detectors are the key to everyone's safety. Whether they be battery-operated disposable units or the hard-wired high-tech pieces of detection equipment, they all provide the same basic service.

Smoke detectors let people know when something in their house or neighbor's house has gone horribly wrong and is on fire. Members of the Spangdahlem Air Base Fire and Emergency Services Flight are here to help.

Here are some tips to ensure the equipment at home or at work operates as advertised.

- ♦ Test each detector in the house monthly.
- ♦ Replace the batteries during the semi-annual time change.
- ♦ Vacuum around all the openings in the detectors whenever dust is visible.
- ♦ Ensure the circuit breaker that operates the smoke detectors is in working condition.
- ♦ If not equipped, install battery operated smoke detectors in all bedrooms, especially in smaller children's rooms to raise your odds of finding fire before it finds you.
- ♦ Install a detector on each floor of a multiple floor house. It is best installed by the means of air exchange (ie.. stairways, common openings or heating floor openings (older houses)

Team Eifel families should always have a plan for when situations occur that are not under their control.

Directions out of the house (primary and secondary), a meeting point away from the facility and a way to alert neighbors if something were to happen in the close knit hallway living quarters that so many Team Eifel members reside in are important.

Everyone should remember a smoke detector is more than a piece of equipment; it is a family insurance policy.

The Spangdahlem AB Fire and Emergency Services plan to increase public awareness throughout the week with some of the following events and activities:

- ♦ Sparky visits the Eifel elementary schools and child care centers.
- ♦ Poster contents at the elementary and middle schools
- ♦ Fire prevention displays around the base
- ♦ Station tours upon request
- ♦ Radio events to inform people on the drive into work
- ♦ Fire Muster Competition

A parade through Bitburg Annex housing takes place Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. Sparky, German and American fire vehicles and other emergency equipment will lead the parade. Static displays will be placed at the Bitburg Middle School parking lot with games, food and prizes for all.

People should take fire prevention seriously throughout the year and make the Eifel community a safer place to work and play. For further information, call the Fire Prevention Office at 452-5292 or 452-5297.

CFC returns

Worlds largest giving campaign lets donors contribute to charity

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas program kicks off Monday and runs until Dec. 3. The program is part of an authorized giving campaign for federal employees in the workplace.

Donors can designate their contributions to a variety of American and U.S.-based international charities through the CFC-O.

"In 2003, Spangdahlem Air Base contributed nearly \$280,000 to the Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas program," said Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Gutierrez, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, CFC-O community area project officer. "Although this is a contact-driven campaign and not a money-driven campaign, there is a natural tendency in the military to exceed previous high-water marks."

Monetary contributions from federal employees mirror the CFC-O commitment to philanthropic support, which is rooted in the charitable campaigns of years past. An Executive Order signed by President John F. Kennedy made the Combined Federal Campaign a reality and turned an innovative idea into a unique and effective, once-a-year solicitation campaign.

"Last year, U.S. military members and federal employees pulled together and generously raised more than \$14 million overseas," said Renee Acosta, president of the campaign management organization for the CFC-O. "This year, we know the tradition of giving will continue."



All U.S. government employees serving overseas, whether they are military or civilian, may participate in the campaign. Department of Defense contractors and foreign nationals employed by the U.S. may also give.

"The money donated to a charity listed in the CFC brochure goes to that charity," Sergeant Gutierrez explained. "Charities are streamlined under the CFC, and costs for overhead are lower. Less than 10 percent of the funds raised nationwide were spent on printing material, training volunteers, auditing contributions and other administrative expenses."

Streamlining the more than 1,500 charities into a yearly campaign can make a significant impact through the collective contributions of U.S. employees.

The main goal of CFC-O representation is 100 percent contact.

"We want to make sure everyone in Team Eifel has the opportunity to give," Sergeant Gutierrez said.

For more information on the CFC-O program, visit the Web site at www.cfcoverseas.org.

What your money can do

Here is how contributing to the CFC-O can *Make a World of Difference*:

- ♦ \$2 per month buys a winter sleeping bag for a homeless child
- ♦ \$9 per month can help a child with cerebral palsy through four therapy sessions
- ♦ \$12 per month protects six acres of rainforest in the Andes
- ♦ \$20 per month can deliver a waiting child out of an institution and into the arms of a family
- ♦ \$48 per month connects a child at risk of heading down the wrong path with a caring mentor for one year

For more information, visit the Web site at www.cfcoverseas.org

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Overseas voting

Have questions on filling out ballots or ballot deadlines? Check out the following:

- ♦ visit the 52nd Fighter Wing Intranet and click on "voting assistance"
- ♦ go to www.fvap.gov
- ♦ call Master Sgt. Jeff Barr, alternate voting assistance official, at 452-7410



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Airman 1st Class Nicholas Nevers
Unit: 52nd Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Flight
Duty title: Intelligence Applications Apprentice
Hometown: Belt, Mont.
Years in Service: One
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Airman Nevers manages all intelligence information systems supporting air and space expeditionary force deployment, current intelligence and aircrew training briefings. He prepares the intelligence

computer infrastructure for the wing's deployment and employment exercises. He also conducts systems training for more than 20 wing intelligence personnel.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Nevers is a Hidden Hero volunteer for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and recently earned senior airman below-the-zone.

What do you do for fun? Being in the middle of Europe, I love to travel. I recently made a trip to Amsterdam with some friends from the office.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy the endless travel opportunities.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to see better seating furniture in the dormitories. Some recliners would be awesome!

Wing lauds newest three-strippers

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their recent promotions to senior airman below-the-zone.

Senior airman BTZ central base board selection results

Jennifer Attridge, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; **Maria Briones**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Megan Crusher**, 52nd Services Squadron; **Candida Keller**, 52nd Contracting Squadron; **Jason Privatera**, 52nd Dental Squadron; **Amy Schmidt**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron

Large unit board selection results

Daniel Boone, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Heather Firth**, 5nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Amy Geiger**, 52nd AMXS; **Paul Harriger**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Stephanie Hibdon**, 52nd SFS; **Matthew Jones**, 52nd AMXS; **Jerad Lemaster**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Austin Murphy**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Lashaundra Myers**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Stephanie Nieto**, 52nd EMS; **Joshua Rickert**, 52nd CES; **Richard Rinella**, 52nd SFS; **William Watson**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron.

Saber connect



Airman 1st Class Heather Forrest

Senior Airman Craig Shetterly, right, 52nd Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, explains the movements of a weather system on an enhanced infrared satellite image to Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. Airman Shetterly educates Colonel Goldfein about his career field as part of the new *Commander's Mentoring Program* here Sept. 29. A Tampa, Fla., native with four years of Air Force service under his belt, Airman Shetterly cited his recent intramural football win against Geilenkirchen's team, which hadn't lost a game in years, as a noteworthy accomplishment.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

It's wise to salute **Staff Sgt. Joann Wise**, who processed nearly 300 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbons in one day. Reservist **Senior Airman Anna Encalada** is far beyond the military personnel flight's "weekend warrior" -- she's solely responsible for sending more than 140 wing members to formal training each week and is the single point of contact for all formal training temporary duty assignments. **Airmen 1st Class Joseph Jacovina** and **Gregory Stansel** each recently scored above 90 percent on their career development courses and will both receive a three-day pass. Their supervisors will each receive a one-day pass.

52nd Operations Group

Airman 1st Class Chris Gerard sprouted wings to destroy the competition in a recent base 5K run. **Capt. Sean Penrod** also ran in Hawk-like fashion to finish in the top 10 percent. **Capt. Olen Freeman** and **1st Lt. Jeannie Sasnett** kept their eyes on the ball to head up all the details for the recent Air Force Ball. Slide a salute to the 52nd Communications Squadron's **Senior Airman Kelli Everett** for her time, diligence and creativity in creating the Air Force Ball slide show. Call him Daddy "Warbucks!" ... the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's **Airman 1st Class Ryan Graham** has gone out of his way to help the 23rd Fighter Squadron and the other fighter squadrons spend end-of-year money. So fly was **Capt. Matt Renbarger**, who led the recent Prisoner of War/Missing in Action fly-by. **Capt. Mike Johnston** and **Paul Willingham** and **1st Lt. Joey Gaona** rounded out the flight formation. Make plans to salute **Capt. Paul Willingham**, who expertly manages the 23rd FS scheduling shop, ensuring necessary combat training. It's a wonderful life (support)! ... the **23rd FS Life Support section** displays consistent hard work and dedication. Is a Rosales by any other name as sweet? ... **Tom Rosalas** is the Red Cross Hidden Hero volunteer who is an integral part of clinic operations, especially during the manning crunch.

52nd Maintenance Group

Airman 1st Class E.T. Allen postponed "phoning home" to knock out scheduled maintenance, then stayed late to get his document reviews done. A mover and shaker is **Staff Sgt. Saara Mustapha**, who spearheaded relocation of nine office work areas in the implementation of Combat Proud program phase II interior work. **Staff Sgt. Benjamin Vanderpuy** worked to the wire to replace a 15-foot long wire bundle in 10 hours instead of the planned 48 hours. No need to drop this "Dear John," since **Airman Jon Baxter** is the go-to guy for the toughest aircraft jobs. It's never too late to salute **Airman 1st Class Rotha Early**, who conducted more than 20 aircraft document reviews, scheduled more than 200 inspections and was directly responsible for two passed quality assurance evaluations.

52nd Medical Group

No bones about it ... the Diagnostic Imaging flight's **Master Sgt. Mary Phillips**, **Staff Sgt. Stacy Brittenham** and **Senior Airman Yolanda Davis** showed that they do more than take pictures during their recent quarterly award recognition. The 52nd Dental Squadron's **Airman 1st Class Joshua Gorski** "drilled" through six months of training in only three months and walked away with outstanding reviews.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Brian's song ... **Senior Airman Brian Leyh** not only took the lead to run the squadron intramural flag football season, but stepped up during a critical manning shortage to single-handedly manage the recreation lounge and cash cage.

They make us wanna "Shaut!" ... **Staff Sgts. Shawn Shaut, Yamil Davila** and **Karl Schock**; and **Senior Airmen Donald Carter** and **Dwayne Blake** exceed U.S. Air Forces in Europe standards for loading operations by performing 28 more than the required eight per month.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Flight

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The Intelligence Flight oversees and manages all wing intelligence activities directly supporting three fighter squadrons, one air control squadron, the 52nd Fighter Wing commander and his senior staff. During exercises and contingencies, the flight stands up the Combat Intelligence Cell and forms a major part of the mission planning cell.

Number of members: 26

How does the team fit into the 52nd FW's mission? The 52nd OSS Intelligence Flight creates targeting folders and threat training briefs used to prepare pilots and air controllers for combat operations. The analysis section creates intelligence briefings for all deploying 52nd FW members, as well as daily intelligence briefs to the wing commander. The Intelligence Flight is also a permanent member of the threat working group, providing intelligence support for the anti-terrorism and force protection programs.

Team's other contributions through the year? As part of the exercise evaluation team, intelligence is responsible for exercise scenario design and writing several hundred intelligence-related messages. Flight members have augmented the flying squadrons in numerous exercises, to include Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Maple Flag in Canada. By the end of the year, about 75 percent of the flight will have deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Rumba queens

Food, fun, dancing abound at Latin Fiesta Day in Brick House



Lourdes Valladares, wife of Master Sgt. Luis Valladeres, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, and **Magdalena Winkler**, wife of Master Sgt. Dennis Winkler, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, perform "sevillanas" and "rumbas," types of flamenco dance, at the Latin Fiesta Day Saturday. The dances originate from Cuba and Seville in the south of Spain. The steps also borrow from gypsy and Egyptian music and include the folklore of Spanish dance. Ms. Valladares said the Eifel Community Center may soon offer flamenco dance lessons. Call the ECC at 452-7260 for details.

Photos by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle



Gabriel Matos, 5, and son of Capt. Pedro Matos, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, plays air hockey against his sister at the fiesta day event.



Among the free food items were beans, rice, ground beef, salsa and chips.

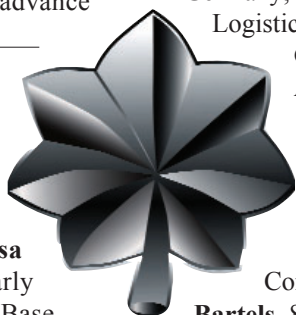
Wing salutes newest lieutenant colonels, captains

Staff reports

Nine Spangdahlem Air Base and geographically separated units majors will advance to lieutenant colonel.

Congratulations to the following 0-5 selectees:

Majs. Jeffrey Alexander, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **James Costey**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; **Teresa Forest**, NATO E-3A Airborne Early Warning Component, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, Germany; **William Forkner**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **John Glassell**, NATO AWACS;



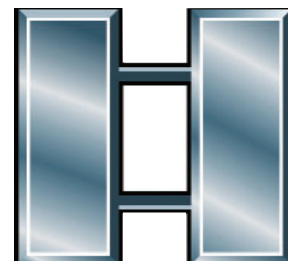
Lisa Hansen, 52nd Services Squadron; **John Millard**, 470th Air Base Squadron, Kalkar, Germany; **James A. Neice Jr.**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; and **Christopher Williston**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Spangdahlem Air Base officials congratulate the newest selectees to captain:

1st Lts. Todd Allison, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Jason Bartels**, 81st Fighter Squadron; **Stacy Boggs**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Tyler Buckley**, 52nd Fighter Wing; **Bobby D. Buckner Jr.**, 52nd Component Maintenance

Squadron; **Charles S. Camerer Jr.**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Kenneth Cobb**, 52nd OSS; **Eric Danielsen**, 52nd OSS; **Gerald Ferdinand**, 22nd Fighter Squadron; **Joseph Gaona**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Bryan Jandorf**, 81st FS; **Cheryl Johnston**, 23rd FS; **David Jones**, 52nd OSS; **Eamon Jordan**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Thomas Kanewske**, 81st FS; **Jason Kneuer**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Chauncy Krol**, 22nd FS; **Sherry Lehmuth**, 52nd Logistics Readiness

Squadron; **Thomas McCaleb**, 52nd CMS; **Jason McFeaters**, 52nd AMXS; **Jose Milan**, 52nd CMS; **Phillip C. Olson Jr.**, 52nd AMXS; **Matthew Reynolds**, 23rd FS; **Matthew Robins**, 81st FS; **Michael Robinson**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Lisa Ruidera**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; **James Sabol**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Steven Snortland**, 52nd FW; **Matthew Speer**, 22nd FS; and **Margaret Van Curler**, 52nd AMXS.



Team Eifel sends holiday greetings to friends, loved ones

By 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Send a holiday greeting to friends and loved ones in the U.S. or to a deployed family member downrange when the 2004 Army and Air Force Hometown News Holiday Greetings team visits here Thursday and Friday.

The team will videotape greetings from Team Eifel members from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside Hangar 3, building 101. All active-duty military members are eligible to participate, as well as their family members, government employees, Department of Defense Dependent Schools teachers and retirees.

Team Eifel members look forward to the event.

"The program is great. I know my family will get a big kick out of seeing us on television, greeting them from Germany," said Capt. Keith Waid, 52nd Medical Group, medical logistics flight commander. "I can only imagine the pride, warmth and closeness felt by families as they sit at home in the states during the holidays and are surprised with these greetings from their loved ones overseas."

Captain Waid will be joined by his wife, Angela, son, Benjamin, 12, and daughter, McKinlee, 10. They are using the Hometown News Holiday Greetings program for the first time.

Maj. Everett Shaver, 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post, wing operations center chief, and his daughter, Brittany, 14, will also be using the program for the first time.

"This is a great opportunity for our friends and family back home to see us since we will not be able to visit them for the holidays this year," he said.

The video team takes each edited greeting back to the states for air on local television and radio stations around the country.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Posten, NCOIC of broadcast operations for hometown news, recommends people sign up and come out to videotape a greeting.

"Because they're stationed or deployed overseas during the holiday periods, these servicemembers can't be home for the holidays," he said. "We give them a chance to send a short message back home for their families to see on television or hear on the radio. Last year, I had a guy tell me he did one the previous year, and his mom and dad saw it and loved it. That's the kind of feedback we like -- it's a hard (temporary duty) and hearing that the program works really helps to keep us going."

Military members and their families are not the only fans of the program. Stations start asking for the releases well before Thanksgiving, and feedback usually pours in from the stations

that air the greetings between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Sergeant Posten said.

"These are a huge hit in our community!" said a news director with a television station in Springfield, Mo. "We air them more times than I can calculate. We also provide a VHS copy to the first of kin."

The holiday greetings program began in 1984 and while the number of releases increases each year, the program's goals remain the same. The first goal is to improve the morale of servicemembers stationed overseas and their family members. Another goal is to show the American public the sacrifices that their military people make by serving without their families in places such as South Korea and Southwest Asia, Sergeant Posten said.

The team will also be in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Saturday; and Sembach Air Base, Germany, Tuesday. For more information or to reserve a time slot, call 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins at 452-5244. (Master Sgt. Jim Hughes, Army and Air Force Hometown News Service, contributed to this story.)

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Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	284	260	-7
23FS	277	250	-19
81FS	281	231	+3

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Make it count

22nd FS commander asks Team Eifel to make mission worth remembering

By Lt. Col. John Sepanski
22nd Fighter Squadron commander

What are you going to remember about your current unit 45 years from now? In October of 2049, will you still know the people you work with today? Will you remember the challenges you worked together to overcome? Will you remember the successes? The failures? Will you be able to look back and remember this as the best assignment you ever had? Think about that for a minute -- what will you remember?

A great American by the name of Carl Schneider dropped in on the Big 22 the other day. He's a retired major general who happened to be the 22nd Fighter Squadron operations officer 45 years ago. I was thoroughly impressed as I listened to him speak while he looked at an old squadron photo we've got hanging on the wall.

It's an enlarged black and white picture of the 22nd FS standing in front of an F-100 that was taken in the late 1950's, just before General Schneider was assigned to the squadron. Going right down each row, he put his finger on every person in the photo and told me their name, call sign, their duty title and what he remembered about them. Some of the people had been killed, others had passed away from old age and others, he still keeps in touch with.

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He talked about some of the challenges that they faced and what they did to overcome them.

He remembered what a great maintenance officer he had after he made the decision to fire the guy kneeling in the front row. He remembered the great support they got from the guy wearing the sport coat and bowtie, their Northrup technical representative. He told me that the guy leaning against the jet in the back row was his predecessor and had become a great writer. The general left me with a copy of a novel about life in a fighter squadron. It's based on the last days of flying the F-86 in the Big 22.

You would think that a guy who made it all the way to major general wouldn't remember or even

care that much about the small slice of his long career spent as an operations officer, but his stories sounded like they could have happened yesterday.

Think about that. How are you going to feel about your unit and your job 45 years from now? More importantly, think about what you are doing to make your unit and your assignment the one that you will remember like that.

Sometimes it's easy for us to get lost in the day-to-day grind of getting the job done, bouncing from one short-notice tasker to the next. It's important, now and then, to step back and take a look at the big picture.

Our nation is leading the free world in a global struggle for freedom. We get to do our part by serving our country with the best people that America has to offer as part of the greatest fighting force the world has ever known.

All of us: active duty, civilian and family members have an important role to play in service to our country. We have an incredible opportunity to do something meaningful with our lives. This could be the best assignment you've ever had, something worth remembering. Think about that.

Direct Line

Parking at Bitburg BX

Question: I would like to know what the official parking policy is at the Bitburg Annex base exchange. I thought parking was only allowed in marked spots, between two white lines. I never park along the barriers at the BX, but others do it all the time. I have said something to one person, and he said because of the short supply of parking, he could park there. I know there were open spots across the street at the chapel and in the bank parking lot. I think people park along the barriers because they are too lazy to walk across the street. If people are going to be allowed to park there, lines should be painted for the parking spots. If not, "no parking" signs should be posted and then enforced like they did across the street from the club. There is more parking at the Bitburg Annex BX then there is at the club at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Answer: You are correct in pointing out that authorized parking spaces are marked. As stated in our local instruction, Spangdahlem Air Base Instruction 31-204, Air Force Vehicle Traffic Supervision, vehicles will only be parked in marked parking spaces. Additionally, the absence of a sign does not mean the area is authorized for parking. Regarding the Bitburg Annex BX parking lot, parking is not allowed in unmarked areas next to the barriers. Parking next to the barriers presents safety hazards and violates our force protection measures. I have directed the 52nd Security Forces Squadron to ticket anyone found parking next to the barriers.

New languages bridge gaps

By 2nd Lt. Mary E. Miksell
319th Operations Support Squadron

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFPN) -- The ability to speak another language can be beneficial not only for one's career options but also for life. Parents who speak more than one language often pass on their bilingual capabilities to their children.

Children are better equipped to learn another language than adults, yet some parents feel reluctant or just do not realize the potential of having bilingual children. My parents, for instance, are fluent in English and Spanish. However, I was not raised in a Spanish-speaking home.

Growing up with the last name "Perez" and the features of a born and bred Hispanic has led to the assumption that I speak Spanish. I was raised in a small town 10 minutes from the U.S.-Mexican border in South Texas. Everywhere in the Rio Grande Valley, people can be heard speaking Spanish. At first it did not seem like a big deal to be unable to speak Spanish since all our schools taught in English, with a few classes reserved solely for Spanish-speaking children. Since my brothers, sisters and I did not go anywhere without my mother, the need to understand Spanish was nil as she was our translator.

It wasn't until I was in my teens that the effects of not being bilingual set in. Whether my friends and I went to football games, the movies or just to the mall, people would speak to me in Spanish.

Most of my friends, like me, had bilingual parents, but their parents taught them Spanish at

home. So I had translators around me, yet I could not help but feel a little left out and a little ashamed.

After high school, I felt better knowing I would be leaving the Valley and not continue to get frowns when I told people I did not speak Spanish, which had began to annoy me.

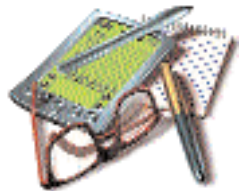
Why should I have to speak Spanish just because I look Hispanic? Because of that sentiment, I chose to study Russian in college. Yet it did not matter where I moved, people still looked at me and assumed I spoke Spanish.

Many times in my life I had to pass up opportunities because I am not bilingual. Finding a job in high school seemed difficult since many of the businesses wanted bilingual employees to better handle customer service. In college, the opportunity to escort and "house" student nationals usually went to those who were either taking the same language course or who were already fluent in their language.

Even in the Air Force there are opportunities, like becoming an attaché or a foreign area officer, where the knowledge of another language or culture would come in handy and, in some cases, be required.

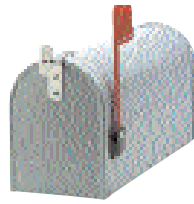
The ability to grow by expanding language capabilities and seeing beyond one's own culture is rewarding.

Parents who have the ability to teach to their children another language or culture give them a true gift. Such a gift can be passed on for generations.



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place each Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in building 2015. The program is not affiliated with any base program and adheres to the principle of anonymity. For general inquiries, call 01803-224357 or 0175-749-3695.

Al-Anon groups

Al-Anon family groups take place each Sunday night at 6 p.m. in building 2015. Al-Anon is a self-help program for adults who have been affected by someone else's drinking. The program is not affiliated with any base program and adheres to the principle of anonymity. For more information, call 0175-749-3695.

Bank closure

The Bitburg Annex Community Bank is closed Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and the Spangdahlem AB branch is closed Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for district manager visits. For more information, call Angie Dodge at 452-6127.

SSEMC news

♦ The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club October meeting takes place Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. in HolzWurm, Grandsdorf. For more information on the general membership meeting, call Allison Carnahan at 06561-694145 or e-mail ajnruss@cs.com.

♦ The SSEMC hosts "Bunko" Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. in the SSEMC clubhouse, Spangdahlem AB housing, building 425, B stairwell.

Parents support group

A single parents support group meets at the Spangdahlem AB family support center Oct. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Share information and conversation with other single parents. Lunch is provided. For more information or to sign up, call Lynn Luria at 452-6422 or 06565-61-6422.

Haunted House

The 52nd Communications Squadron and 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron will host a haunted house Oct. 28 from 7-11 p.m., Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to midnight,



Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman

High drama

Thespians Lily Ulliyott, wife of Airman 1st Class Aaron Ulliyott, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, rehearses with fellow cast members, (background) Angie Dodge, wife of Staff Sgt. Matthew Dodge, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Robert Smith, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tuesday. The new Act Eifel dinner theater in the ballroom at Club Eifel features three one act plays -- "American Century," "Picasso At The Lapin Agile," and "Terminal Bar." These plays are complimented with a buffet and dessert bar during the Friday and Saturday evening performances. Sunday afternoon's performance features a dessert and coffee bar only. Tickets will be available at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the Friday and Saturday performances. Sunday's performance begins at 2 p.m.

Oct. 30 from 7 p.m. to midnight and Oct. 31 from 7-11 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex French Kaserne. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rozzi Messina at 452-9453 or Staff Sgt. George Wolfe at 452-6555.

Thrift shop moves

The thrift shop is now closed, and will re-open to accept consignments only Oct. 26-28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The grand opening is Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. in building 421 in the Spangdahlem AB housing area. New permanent hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Tuesday through Thursday.

School news

Bitburg Elementary School

♦ Child find screenings take place Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Elementary School. Child find screenings are for children ages 3 to 5, not yet in kindergarten, whose parents may have concerns in one or more of the follow-

ing areas: social/emotional development; cognitive development; language development; and motor skill development. For more information, call Tracey Fowl at 452-9215 or 0656561-9215.

♦ School picture days are Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 06561-604620.

♦ Family picture day is Monday. For more information or appointments, call 06561-946234.

♦ Family bingo night takes place Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 06561-604620 for details.

Bitburg Middle School

♦ The Parent, Teachers and Student Association hosts the BMS book fair Oct. 19-21 at the BMS information center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with additional hours of 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

♦ A PTSA general membership meeting takes place in the BMS auditorium Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Ricardo Young at 06561-670473.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m., pre-school through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live

Jewish

♦ Every second and fourth Friday of every month, 5 p.m., Shabbat Services

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.; and Monday, 9:15 a.m.

Protestant

♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 11:30 a.m., Sunday School (building 2001); 1 p.m., Gospel Service
For more information about faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Too bad!

Col. Ann Smith, 52nd Maintenance Group, missed out on \$400, and Airman 1st Class Johnathan Drake, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, missed out on \$625.

Today

Red Hot Fridays happens from 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Stripes lounge: A DJ plays classic rock from 9-11 p.m.

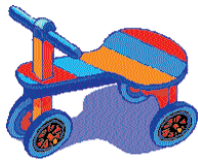
ECL: Commander's social starts at 5 p.m.

Monday

"Melvin's Mega Mondays" offers the "Tower of Power," 100 ounces of Bitburger for \$10.95 with the new table-top tap system.

Thursday

Mongolian barbecue is from 5-8 p.m. Hand mix an assortment of vegetables, meats and sauces, give to the chef and watch as he sauteés it on the spot. Cost for members is \$.50 per ounce and cost for non-members is an additional \$3 to the total cost.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 7. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

When Jason Bourne is framed for a botched CIA operation, he is forced to take up his former life as a trained assassin to survive.

Without a Paddle (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

Three city-dwelling friends go on a camping trip with disastrous results.

Saturday

Without a Paddle (7 p.m.)

Thunderbirds (PG, 10 p.m.)

When The Hood finds and invades International Rescue's secret base and traps most of the Tracy family, only young Alan Tracy and his friends can save the day.

Sunday

The Bourne Supremacy (4 p.m.)

Thunderbirds (7 p.m.)

Monday

Thunderbirds (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Without a Paddle (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Alien vs. Predator (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A team of archaeologists and other scientists find themselves caught up in a battle between the two legends. Soon, the team realizes that only one species can win.

Dawn of the Dead (R, 9:30 p.m.)

The survivors of a worldwide plague that is producing the flesh-hungry undead take refuge in a mega shopping mall.

Saturday

A Cinderella Story (PG, 7 p.m.)

Routinely exploited by her wicked stepmother, the downtrodden Sam Martin is excited about the prospect of meeting her Internet beau at the school's Halloween dance.

Alien vs. Predator (9 p.m.)

Sunday

Anchorman (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

San Diego's top rated newsman faces change in the male dominated broadcasting of the 1970's, when a new female employee with ambition to burn arrives in his office.

Catwoman (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A shy woman, endowed with the speed, reflexes and senses of a cat, walks a thin line between criminal and hero, even as a detective doggedly pursues her, fascinated by both of her personas.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

A Cinderella Story (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Alien vs. Predator (7 p.m.)

Feasting extravaganza

Munich hosts Oktoberfest, world's largest folk festival

Story and photo by Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The most famous and largest folks festival in the world -- the Munich Oktober Festival -- comes to an end this weekend. It runs for 16 days, always ending on the first Sunday in October, which is this Sunday.

The huge "Volksfest" is held on the Theresienwiese in Munich with an extremely large number of visitors and a correspondingly immense consumption of beer and white sausage.

The reason for its creation was a wedding in 1810 in the Bavarian ruling house, in honor of which a horse race and public festival were held. The following year, the festival was repeated and expanded by an agricultural exhibit to give Bavarian's agriculture impetus for development and improvement.

Up to this date, the tradition was kept up, and Munich celebrates its 171th event.

On a large surface, a total of 14 party tents can be found. The tents all have unique names, and the most popular tent is probably the "Hofbraeu-Festzelt" tent, attracting a large international crowd of people.

Here, the party starts at noon, when visitors lock arms and sway back and forth to Bavarian tunes. The so called Bavarian "Schmankerl," or traditional food items, are reasonably priced at this tent, said organizers. The tent has 6,898 seats inside and 3,022 seats outside.

Another popular tent to stop in is the Hippodrom. This is where prominent people and pop stars often stop in. The Hippodrom tent is also known for its



When this year's Oktober festival comes to a close Sunday, about six million visitors will have enjoyed the food, fun and festivities at the Munich 'Wiesen.' There are 14 large tents, packed full with people celebrating the festival. Each tent has a unique motto and name and is decorated in Bavarian-style themes.

unique champagne bar, a famous meeting point for single people. The Hippodrom offers special lunch menus for families. The tent can hold up to 3,200 people. Another 1,000 seats can be found outside this tent.

Every tent has its own unique flair and Bavarian-style decoration, but, they all offer entertainment on a large scale. Musicians, dressed in traditional Lederhosen, keep the party going. Vendors walk back and forth through the tents, selling huge salt pretzels, a typical Bavarian treat.

At peak times, such as Saturday or Sunday evenings, the waiters and waitresses have a hard time keeping up with the large orders and food servings. Sometimes, they carry up to a dozen beer mugs in their hands at one time.

Entertainment and fun usually continues until about 11 p.m. on the Theresienwiese fairgrounds. This is when the festival shuts down daily.

The 14 tents are surrounded by rides, reaching from nostalgic children's carousels to ferris wheels or roller coasters that only brave people will consider riding on. Games and food booths are just as popular as the sweets and candy stands. Lebkuchen hearts are among the popular sweet treats at the Oktober festival. They can be found in all sizes.

For people interested in attending the closing weekend of Oktober festival, it takes about six hours to drive to Munich. It is advisable to stay at a hotel on the outskirts and take public transportation into the city.



Out and About



(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ Attend the Trier Moselland exhibition, the largest industrial fair of the region, today through Sunday at the Trier Moselauen fair grounds. This is a major event.

♦ Wittlich hosts a bar hopping and music night Saturday. Eight bands and a DJ will perform music at nine pubs and

bars throughout the town. Music includes Salsa, Funk, Soul, Rock and Pop. It is a popular event, attracting people from all over. The event starts at 7 p.m. The cost is eight euro for a one time entry fee.

♦ The neighboring town of Oberkail will sponsor a festival today through Monday.

♦ Jazz at its Best is the title for a musical performance today and Saturday in Wittlich.

♦ The Mosel town of Erden invites people to a vintners wine and street festival today through Sunday.

♦ The town of Konz holds an October festival today through Monday. It features fun and entertainment around the clock.

♦ The Mosel town of Kroev invites people to their annual wine festival today through Monday. It includes a vintners parade Tuesday and a market event Tuesday and Wednesday.

♦ The annual Spangdahlem Music Festival offers music by a number of different music associations, food and entertainment. The event takes place Saturday and Sunday.

♦ Enjoy Tango sounds and dances Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Trier Thermen, Roman Thermal baths, located on Viehmark.

♦ Shop at the annual Speicher Herbstmarkt, or fall market, Thursday.

♦ The annual Federweissen wine festival of Kroev takes place Oct. 8-9.



The Tops In Blue "Musicology" tour pulls into Spangdahlem AB Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. The highly acclaimed Tops In Blue blends an intricate mixture of the musical sounds of America, adding in a fun-filled, action-packed performance, showcasing hits with a very special spin. For more information on the performance, call Denise Rossignol at 452-7260.



Bitburg High School cross country team captain Dan Brunal, 17, son of Master Sgt. Americo Brunal, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, and Angela Brunal, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, took first place in the first home match Saturday. He finished the 5K run with a 18:06 time. The team finished second overall.

BHS cross country teams host season opener at home

Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Bitburg High School cross country men's team took second overall in its first home match Saturday at BHS thanks to a first place finish from one of its members.

Daniel Brunal, son of Master Sgt. Americo Brunal, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, and Angela Brunal, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, took the first place win in the 5K with a run time of 18:06. He was pretty excited about the win.

"It felt great and almost too good to be true; I had never expected to come in first place," the BHS senior said.

Two other members also made the top ten. Kyle Fluker, son of Lt. Col. Mark and Lori Fluker, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, finished fifth with a run time of 19:01. Ryan Singleton, son of Master Sgt. Randy and Sunae Singleton, 606th Air Control Squadron, finished eighth with a run time of 19:22.

"It felt great coming in fifth overall Saturday. It was my first chance to prove my abilities in front of the home crowd at my new school," said Fluker, who has run cross country for four years.

"It felt good because I have finished top ten every race this year in front of the seniors and sophomores," said Singleton, a freshman who is competing on cross country for the first time.

The team competed against four other international teams. Saturday was their second meet. Fluker and Singleton placed in the top ten at their first match Sept. 18 against Allied Forces North Europe, the Netherlands while Brunal sat out with an injury.

Each runner said teamwork is the key to winning.

"We all work really well together," said Brunal. "We push each other at practice, and we support each other by cheering at the meets. This team has more potential than has ever been possible at Bitburg for the past few years; it's very exciting."

"The meet Saturday was a good building block to base our season on, and we hope to come back and dominate our homecoming meet," said Fluker. "With a lot of hard work, this team can truly become a successful team."

Cross country head coach Heather Rodriguez agrees that teamwork is the key, is confident for the men's team and said competitions like this are important.

"Each runner has his or her personal goals as well as goals for how to run for the benefit of the team," she said. "The leadership and experience of the upperclassmen serves as a motivating example for the rest of the team."

Each competitive experience motivates the runners to learn more about the sport and give each workout all they have," she said. "More and more, they begin to understand the importance of their training."



Bitburg Middle School cross country members Ericha Griep, daughter of Maj. Stephen and Jean Griep, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, and Katie Ruefer, daughter of Maj. Christian and Mary Beth Ruefer, 52nd Contracting Squadron, cross the finish line at the first Bitburg High School home match Saturday.

Assistant Coach Airman 1st Class Carlos Herrera, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, said this is the best team he has seen in the last few years.

"These are some of the most talented runners the team has had in some time," the health service management journeyman said. "With the return of Brunal who was All European last year, freshman Singleton who was the second man last year and the addition of Fluker who just [permanent change of station] and comes from a great running program, this team will meet many goals and shine throughout the season."

The women's cross country team placed sixth Saturday. Bitburg Middle School student Ericha Griep, daughter of Maj. Stephen and Jean Griep, 52nd MDOS, finished 21 overall and fourth for middle schoolers with a run time of 25:15. Katie Ruefer, daughter of Maj. Christian and Mary Beth Ruefer, 52nd Contracting Squadron, finished 39 overall and 10th for middle schoolers with a run time of 28:47.

Sports briefs

New cardio class

The New Movin' and Groovin' cardio class kicks off today at 5 p.m. at the Skelton Memorial Fitness center. This fun, new choreographed cardio class slowly adds in one step at a time to give participants a full-body workout. Classes are each Monday from 5-6 p.m. For more information, Call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

5K Fun Run

The Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Run is Monday at 10 a.m., beginning in front of the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. For more information, call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

Billiards league

Sign up for the Brick House 8 Ball Billiards League and pocket the competition. The league is open to anyone 18-years-old or older and consists of single players with a handicap system. The league tournaments take place October through March. Register at the Eifel Community Center at Spangdahlem AB, building 124, or call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381 for details.

Howl-O-Ween 5K

Get ready to howl at the moon at the Howl-O-Ween 5K Fun Run Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the base fitness center. Costumes are optional, but running like mad is required. For more information, call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

Football frenzy

It's time to tackle this year's football season with Club Eifel's Football Frenzy, held at the Brick House each Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight and each Tuesday at 7 p.m., until the Superbowl. Watch teams square off on three 100-inch screen TVs with surround sound. Enjoy comfy lounge chairs, snacks and drinks. Register to win prizes such as football tickets, plasma TVs, gaming systems and more. For details, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.

Picking running shoes

Learn what type of shoe to wear for the 1.5 mile run at "Choosing the Correct Running Shoe for You" classes. The classes kick off at noon Oct. 13 and Oct. 29 at the Health and Wellness Center, building 130, second floor. For more information, call Mandy Baerman at 452-6995.



2nd Lt. Shannon Collins

Smack down

Bitburg High School football members Jonas Jensen, number 79, son of Tech. Sgt. Jared Maher, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Josh Collett, number 28, son of Senior Master Sgt. Johnny Collett, 38th Munitions Maintenance Group; and Corey Legister, number 35, son of Tech. Sgt. Dave Legister, 52nd LRS; tackle Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium, football player Sean Corcoran as he scrambles out of the pocket during their first home game Saturday. The BHS team lost 24-0.